

AMENDMENTS TO THE CLAIMS

Please amend the claims as follows:

1. (Currently Amended) A disposable diaper having a liquid-permeable topsheet, a liquid-impermeable backsheet and a liquid-retentive absorbent member interposed between these sheets, wherein:

a side flap is provided on each side of a back portion of the diaper which is, while worn, positioned in the back of a wearer, a tape tab for fastening the diaper is provided on each side flap, said side flap is made of nonwoven fabric, and said tape tab is fixedly joined to said side flap with an hot-melt adhesive, and

said a hot-melt adhesive ~~having~~ has a melt viscosity of ~~10 to 1000~~ 30 to 100 Pa.s at 140°C, wherein said tape tab, said side flap and said hot-melt adhesive are composed of materials rendering said side flap torn near a joint when pulled at a peel angle of 180° at a speed of 100m/min ~~is used to join any two of members constituting the diaper.~~

2. (Currently Amended) The disposable diaper according to claim 1, wherein ~~a side flap is provided on each side of a back portion of the diaper which is, while worn, positioned in the back of a wearer, a tape tab for fastening the diaper is provided on each side flap, said side flap is made of nonwoven fabric, and said tape tab is fixedly joined to said side flap with said hot-melt adhesive~~ said nonwoven fabric making said side flap has a basis weight of 7 to 30 g/m².

3. (Currently Amended) The method for manufacturing a disposable diaper according to claim 1, which comprises the steps of feeding said hot-melt adhesive contained in a tank of an applicator to an application head through a feed conduit, applying said hot-melt adhesive to a first member constituting the diaper, and then fixedly joining a second member constituting the diaper to said first member, wherein

said hot-melt adhesive contained in said tank is melted by heating to a prescribed temperature, and the temperature of said hot-melt adhesive present in said application head is set lower than that of said hot-melt adhesive contained in said tank,

wherein said first member, said second member and said hot-melt adhesive are composed of materials rendering said second member torn near a joint when pulled at a peel angle of 180° at a speed of 100m/min .

4. (Original) The method for manufacturing a disposable diaper according to claim 3, wherein the temperature of said hot-melt adhesive contained in said tank and present in said application head is from 150 to 200°C and from 120 to 150°C, respectively.

5. (Original) The method for manufacturing a disposable diaper according to claim 3, wherein the melt viscosity of said hot-melt adhesive contained in said tank and present in said application head is from 5 to 50 Pa·s and from 10 to 500 Pa·s, respectively.